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Baird Spalding and the 1973 John E. Fetzer Foundation Preamble (August 13, 2013)

In his 1973 “John E. Fetzer Foundation Preamble,” John Fetzer wrote extensively about his spiritual and scientific hopes for the fledgling Fetzer Foundation, based largely upon the Baird T. Spaulding’s series, *The Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East* (which was written from the 1920s to the 1950s).

Following are excerpts from the “John E. Fetzer Foundation Preamble”:

I have long felt that we are on the threshold of new discoveries of electronic anti- wave forms, and that a whole spectrum of frequency radiation and force fields will be identified with anti-matter. Many years ago I was astonished to find that much of the same thesis seems to be alluded [to] in the writings of the Far East.

Much of the Eastern writings is filled with their own colloquialisms that a Westerner has extreme difficulty in comprehending the texts as presented. Fortunately, some years ago I discovered a set of five volumes authored by one Baird T. Spaulding ... I have chosen to take excerpts from each of the five volumes he wrote ... It is my hope that, as a result of these writings of Baird T. Spaulding, [that] it will stimulate research interest in directions that seem at this moment persona non grata.

The whole of the remainder of this “Preamble” is comprised of actual passages from Spaulding’s *The Life and Teaching of the Masters of the Far East*, plus John’s comments on each of the passages, of which just a very small portion follow below.

Spaulding: “In presenting *The Life and Teaching of the Masters of the Far East*, I wish to state that I was one of a research party of eleven persons that visited the Far East in 1894. During our stay—three and a half years—we contacted the Great Masters of the Himalayas, who aided us in the translation of the records, which was of great assistance in our research work.”

Spaulding: “Through scientific investigation in recent years, it has been discovered that there is a Universal Force, which is also termed Universal Energy, a primal energy, pervading the entire universe and filling infinite space.”

Spaulding: “God our Father is pure Light emanation, and from this vibrating Light, all comes forth.”

Spaulding: “Now we can see creation going on all the time, as creation is caused by the radiation of the cosmic Light vibrations generated in the great Cosmos; and this radiation is the great universal life or Light energy that sustains all, and is called the Father of radiation or vibration.”

Spaulding: “When our body vibrates in tune with Spirit vibrations, we are Light vibrations, the greatest of all vibration, God the Father of all vibration.”

Spaulding: "It will soon be proved that these cosmic rays constitute such a terrific bombardment that they are destructive to so-called matter. These rays are from the source of all energy, the Father of all elements, the source from which all elements come. This is not destruction, this is transmutation from so-called matter to Spirit form."

Spaulding: "This intelligent, emanating, Energy—is God, controlling the universe around us, as well as controlling the universe of our bodies which are spiritual and not material."

Spaulding: "This so-called universe of ours that rotates around that central sun, is but one of ninety-one such universes that rotate around a central sun."

Fetzer comments: "To me the above seems to say that millions of light years from our universe is a spheroidal nucleus, originally established as an Alpha Electromagnetic Field."

Spaulding: "Almost every inventor today realizes that he is not recording or bringing out anything but what has already at some time been recorded in vibratory frequency. No spoken word ever goes out of existence. All are in the field known as the field of energy or vibratory influence."

Spaulding: "There is a camera that shows thought forms today. You can actually sit before that camera and make your statement. Don't say a word out loud but just think it, and we will give you your exact thoughts from the graph shown on the film."

Spaulding: "Scientists are beginning to give us a great deal of credit; in fact, two years ago they believed that with our new camera and what we call taking pictures of past events, that we are going to be able to go back at least one million years, showing the civilization that did exist at that time."

Spaulding: "Now that may seem rather remarkable, that we can go back and take absolute pictures of what happened thousands and thousands of years ago. There is a great deal being done along that line. We have the distinction of starting it because of Dr. Steinmetz' assistance. I worked with Dr. Steinmetz myself, and during that whole time that I was with him, he put forth the expression, "We'll build a camera that will go into the past and pick up every past event, if you wish it."

Spaulding: "Our initial experience with the first camera was motivated by Dr. Steinmetz ... with George Washington's inaugural address ... In that picture you can readily discern every one of the dignitaries who were on the platform with him, and George Washington is walking back and forth before the group giving his inaugural address ... Now we have the actual picture, with George Washington's voice on the sound track."

Fetzer comments: "The above comments were published in Volume V (of the Spaulding series) in 1955 by DeVorss & Company ... These random paragraphs apparently refer to experimental work which was undertaken sometime after 1920, when the kinescope tube was known and which, of course, was the forerunner to modern day television. What these paragraphs seem to say is that every historical act of the past, whether it be in physical or auditory form, has been recorded in vibratory frequencies existing in the storehouse of space. The text seems to say that, through the design of certain technical electronic equipment, it is possible to tune in these vibrations of the past and see a complete reproduction on the face of the picture tube."

Fetzer comments: "As a further comment, some time ago I read of a report from Gt. Britain which indicated that in the laboratory there had received a television program from a station in Houston, Texas. The remarkable part of that report, which gave a detailed account of the program received, was due to the fact that the station which transmitted the program had been off the air for two years at the time of the reception in London. The inference here is, of course, that the high frequency transmission of television programs continues to bounce around in space, and at some future time bend and retrace their steps toward the source of the original transmission."

Spaulding: "Let your body become a generator through which this Great Creative Radiating Principle flows. See this Principle as the emanation of all power, know that it is the principle of all power; then, like an electric generator, your body will collect and magnify this energy until you send it out as a stream of pure white Light, that nothing can resist, and anything directed toward you cannot harm you."

Spaulding: "We found six Lamas at the head of a group that were known as the wandering Lamas ... the method which they use of communication, we call thought transference for want of a better name, but we know it to be a force far more subtle and much more definite."

Fetzer comments: "These paragraphs suggest that man is transistorized from head to toe, that he can receive these high frequency wave forms, amplify or regenerate them thousands of times over from their original frequency, and retransmit them similarly to that which is done through the retransmission of microwaves in our known forms of electronics."

Fetzer comments: "Throughout these five volumes there have been many references on extrasensory perception ... Judging from various comments concerning the white Light transmission, it suggests some of the forms of transmission that are sent out as beams of Light, as a carrier wave. By using amplitude modulation through the mind, wave forms are modulated into intelligible characters of transmission."

25 years of Fetzer Science Programs (August 2013)

In a February 17, 1973 letter to his Board (including Mr. Bruce L. Fetzer, Bruce's father), John Fetzer wrote: "The purpose of this is to fill you in concerning the activities of the John E. Fetzer Foundation since you are a member of its board of directors. After considerable research, time and study, I have conferred with many outstanding scientists throughout the country, who are attached to certain universities and foundations that are instituting studies in the field of human psychology; some call it parapsychology. As you know, for some years I have had an interest in that subject. I have decided this will be a major undertaking of the John E Fetzer Foundation."

In 1974, the Foundation Trustees passed a resolution to support "educational programs, retreats, and credit and noncredit seminar courses relating to parapsychology." (John Fetzer wrote the resolution.)

**Fetzer Foundation/Institute
Major Science Projects/Efforts 1970-1999**

1972

Fetzer contacts and visits institutions sponsoring scientific research in parapsychology to determine the nature and extent of research being done.

1973

Brainwave research, UC-Berkeley (Jim Hardt)
Near Death and Reincarnation Cases, U-Virginia (Ian Stevenson)
Research in Parapsychology, Duke (Bill Roll)

1974

Foundation Trustees pass resolution to support “educational programs, retreats, and credit and noncredit seminar courses relating to parapsychology,” and research on how to best guide persons toward transcendent experience.

University of California (Charles Yeager [Rhea Fetzer’s brother], James Hardt, Kenneth Pelletier).
Research in Parapsychology and Psycho-Physics, Duke University and the University of North Carolina (Dr. William Joines)

A study of Eastern meditative traditions, Kalamazoo College
Seminars on a search between science and metaphysics, Rosary Hill College and Nazareth College.
Examination of the parapsychological ability of Uri Geller and Nina Kulagina.
Research into the clairvoyance of Bill Delmore and Lalsingh Harribance

1975

Fetzer tours Europe visiting parapsychology centers in England, Spain, Germany, France

1977-89

Long Term Training in Brain Energy Feedback (Biofeedback Training Project), UC-San Francisco (James Hardt), approximately \$950,000.

1980-1997

Engineering Anomalies Research Program, Princeton (Robert Jahn), approximately over \$1 million

1980-1991

Investigation of Tibetan Meditation and Traditional Chinese Medicine and General Research Support (Self-Regulation Research Program), Harvard, (Herbert Benson). Healing mechanisms in Tibetan and Buddhist monks in Northern India, study of “chi” in China. The amounts of money given were approx. \$400,000

In 1984 the Detroit Tigers are sold and over the next year or two the Foundation Endowment soon grows to over \$100 million.

1984

Out of total program budget of \$1.27 mil, all but \$18,000 went to Science, 98.5%
A.R.E. Research, \$311,800
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$65,700

Menninger (Elmer Green), \$55,200
PEAR (Bob Jahn), \$30,000
Life Beyond Death Research Foundation (George Meek)
Donation to IONS, \$87,000
Psychic Research, Inc., \$265,000
Realidad Cancer Motion Picture Program, \$147,000
Bay Research Institute, \$216,000
WMU Educational/Research Center, \$75,000

1984-1988

Energy Medicine Research Project, A.R.E. Medical Clinic (Gladys and William McGarey), approximately \$1 million over these years

1984-1986

“Physical Fields and States of Consciousness,” Menninger Institute (Elmer Green), \$213,000 (which continued into 1988-91 Menninger Foundation, Copper Wall [Elmer Green])

1985

All of the program budget of \$1.38 mil went to science
Fetzer hires its first staff, Lloyd Swierenga, Carolyn Dailey, Chuck Spence, Bruce Fetzer
IONS, \$230,000

1985-1990

A.R.E. Research (McGarey), \$311,000
PEAR Lab (Jahn), \$31,000
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$66,000
Menninger (Elmer Green), \$60,000
WMU Educational/Research Center, \$75,000
Shealy Rehabilitation Center, \$192,000
Energy Healing Film Services, \$235,000
Electro-Healing Shielding Project, \$98,000
Electromagnetic Physiological Regeneration, \$76,000

1986

All of the program budget of \$.93 million went to science (smaller because the Administration Building was going up)
IONS, \$150,000
A.R.E. Research (McGarey), \$383,000
PEAR Lab (Jahn), \$45,000
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$120,000
Menninger (Elmer Green), \$60,800
WMU Educational/Research Center, \$75,000
Harvard, \$100,000

1987

The new Board was elected, consisting of Bedrij, Claflin, Jahn, Olds, Whitson; for 1987 the program budget was approximately \$1.14 million, 96% of it went to science
PEAR Lab (Jahn), \$45,000

A.R.E. Research (McGarey), \$408,000
IONS, Inner Mechanisms \$8,000
Menninger (Elmer Green), \$61,000
Harvard, Chi Quong Research (Benson), \$110,000
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$143,000
Walter Reed Hospital: study on chelation, \$105,000
Institute for the Advancement of Health, \$40,000
World Research Foundation, \$25,000
Metascience Foundation (research on the effects of Buddhist meditation), \$430,000
Oakland University, \$30,000

1988

For 1987-1988, the program budget was approximately \$0.98 million, 100% of it went to science.
PEAR Lab (Jahn), \$48,000
A.R.E. Research (McGarey), \$250,000
IONS, Inner Mechanisms, \$8,000 Menninger (Elmer Green), \$70,000
Harvard, Chi Quong Research (Benson), \$100,000
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$105,000
Purdue University, Research on Cardiac Pacing, \$166,000
Borges Hospital, \$90,000
Institute for the Advancement of Health, \$40,000
World Research Foundation, \$25,000

1988-1989

The program budget was \$3.3 million, 88% of it went to science.
Fetzer Pioneers project (“Garage Scientists”), \$100,000
PEAR Lab (Jahn), \$54,000
Menninger (Elmer Green), \$83,000
Harvard (Benson), \$110,000
Walter Reed Hospital: study on chelation, \$105,000
Purdue University, Research on Cardiac Pacing, \$142,150
Honorton Lab, \$135,000
Fetzer Fellows, \$200,000
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$60,000
IONS, Inner Mechanisms, \$50,000
A.R.E. Research (McGarey), \$220,000
Menninger/Fahrion, \$85,600
Templeton/Frontier Science, \$200,000
Heart Disease Research (Dean Ornish), \$80,000
Traditional Acupuncture Institute (Robert Duggan), \$25,000

1990-1991

The program budget was \$1.6 million, approximately 62% (\$ 0.99 million) of it went to science.
UC-SF (Jim Hardt), \$30,000
PEAR Lab (Jahn), \$110,000
IONS, Inner Mechanisms, \$50,000
Menninger (Elmer Green), \$79,500
Harvard (Benson), \$100,000

In-house lab (T.M. Srinivasan), \$250,000
Purdue University, Research on Cardiac Pacing, \$32,250
IONS, Causality, \$50,000
Heart Disease Research (Dean Ornish), \$5,000
Fetzer Pioneers project (“Garage Scientists”), \$100,000
Electromagnetic Therapies in Breast Cancer (Nordenström), \$110,000
Heart Disease Research (Dean Ornish), \$125,000
CES/Meta Analysis, \$49,600
Orgone Energy Accumulator (Blasband), \$41,500
PNI-Carnegie Mellon (Cohen), \$50,000
Centerlink (Whitson), 55,000
Positive Control (Shapiro), \$50,000
Goleman, Mind and Life Research Network, \$49,250
Walleczeck, Cell Sensitivity, \$175,000

1991-1992

The program budget was \$3.85 million, 28% (\$1.1 million) of it went to science.
Institute of Medicine, \$150,000
Psoriasis, Kabat-Zinn, \$59,999
IONS, Inner Mechanisms, \$90,000
Breast Cancer (Spiegel), \$94, 850
Copper Wall, phase 4, Green, \$149,100
Columbia CIIS (Sloan), \$225,000
Walleczeck, Cell Sensitivity, \$188,500
In-house lab (T.M. Srinivasan), \$150,000
Fetzer Pioneers project (“Garage Scientists”), \$100,000
Heart Disease Research (Dean Ornish), \$125,000
Alternative Medicine: establishing the Center for Meaning and Health, MSU (Robert Smith), \$163,400

1992-1993

The program budget was \$4.8 million, 15.6% (\$.75 million) of it went to science.
Walleczeck, Cell Sensitivity, \$111,300
Beliefs and Cancer (Holland), \$84,900
Harvard Center of Alternative Medicine Eisenberg, \$147,950
Harvard Center of Alternative Medicine Eisenberg, \$747,800

1993-1994

The program budget was \$4.23 million, 39.7% (\$1.68 million) of it went to science.
NIH Stress and Diabetes, \$100,000
Stress and Asthma Follow-up, \$185,000
NIH Funding/Trials, \$300,000
NIH Aging and Spirituality, \$186,000
NIH Rehab and Spirituality, \$170,000
Meta Analyses (Eisenberg), \$199,860
Aaron/Phillips Genes: \$140,000
Walleczeck, Bioelectrodynamics, \$138,000

1994-1995

The program budget was \$4.9 million, 47.7% (\$2.34 million) of it went to science.

NIH-related projects: \$1.16mil

Biobehavioral Pain Research, \$240,000

Behavioral Medicine, \$124,000

Menopause-Psychosocial/Spiritual, \$253,500

Menopause Focus Group, \$207,500

Aging and Spirituality, \$150,000 Rehab/Spirituality, \$150,000

Walleczek Bioelectromagnetics, \$250,000

Walleczek Stanford Center, \$375,000

Fellowship-Theoretical BEMS, \$100,000

1995-1996

The program budget was \$2.73 mil, 41.2% (\$2.73 million) of it went to science.

Psychosocial Factor/Asthma, \$565,000

Written Emot. Expressions, \$139,400

Spirituality/Heart Disease, \$150,000

Rehabilitation/Spirituality, \$100,000

Aging/Spirituality, \$100,000

National Health Survey, \$135,000

Harvard Center Extension, \$261,600

Rochester Center for PNI, \$288,700

Walleczek Project, Stanford, \$350,300

Fellowship-Engstrom, \$130,000

1996-1997

The program budget was \$7.15 million, 35.9% (\$2.57 million) of it went to science.

Pain and Suffering, \$475,000

Self-Report Issues, \$350,000

WHOQOL Spirituality Mode, \$120,000

Spirituality/Alcoholism, \$150,000

Spirit/Health/Aging, \$120,000

Frontier Medical Research, \$225,000

Harvard Center, \$224,400

Rochester Center, \$200,000

Walleczek Project, Stanford, \$452,400

Neiman-BEM Fellowship, \$130,000

1997-1998

The program budget was \$11.88 million, 22.6% (\$2.68 million) of it went to science.

Templeton/Forgiveness, \$300,000

Community Interventions, \$152,000

Relationship. Placebo Res., \$150,000

Collaborative Projects-NIMH, \$200,000

Spirituality/Alcoholism, \$250,000

Collaborative Projects-NIMH, \$100,000

Harvard Center, \$261,700

Relationship/Placebo Res. \$150,000

PNI Center, \$200,000
Walleczek-EMF Interaction, \$358,900
Klivington-Bioelectromagnetics, \$130,000

1998-99

The program budget was \$13.39 million, 22.2% (\$2.98 million) of it went to science.
Easing Pain and Suffering, \$500,000
WHO, Spirituality, Quality of Life, \$250,000
Spiritual Resources, Health, \$192,500
Unconditional Love, \$1,000,000
Harvard Center, \$261,700
Walleczek-EMF Interaction, \$379,400
Klivington-Bioelectromagnetics, \$130,000